

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 GURSHARAN LADDI, *et al.*,

CASE NO. C17-0287-JCC

10 Plaintiffs,

MINUTE ORDER

11 v.

12 SORAYA MOTOR CO., *et al.*,

13 Defendants.  
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15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.  
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes come before this Court on the parties' stipulated motion to seal (Dkt.  
18 No. 26).<sup>1</sup> The Court starts from the position that "[t]here is a strong presumption of public access  
19 to [its] files." W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 5(g)(3); *see also Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns, Inc.*, 435  
20 U.S. 589, 597 (1978). However, a particularized showing of good cause will suffice to warrant  
21 sealing discovery documents attached to non-dispositive motions. *Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of*  
22 *Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180 (9th Cir. 2006). The parties wish to seal Dkt. No. 17-2 because it  
23 contains several months of birth and the first five digits of various Social Security Numbers. (*Id.*  
24 at 2.) The Court, finding a particularized showing of good cause, GRANTS the motion and the

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26 <sup>1</sup> The parties also stipulate that they will withdraw the pending, and not stipulated to, motion to seal (Dkt. No. 24).  
(Dkt. No. 26 at 1.)

document, (Dkt. No. 17-2), shall remain sealed.

DATED this 11th day of April 2017.

William M. McCool  
Clerk of Court

s/Paula McNabb  
Deputy Clerk